

AUSTRALIAN, NEW ZEALAND AND CALIFORNIA MAIL STEAMERS—Schedule for 1875.			
TRIP FROM SYDNEY TO SAN FRANCISCO.		RETURN FROM SAN FRANCISCO TO SYDNEY.	
Ship.	Day of Week.	Ship.	Day of Week.
City of Melbourne	February 10	City of Melbourne	February 10
City of Melbourne	February 17	City of Melbourne	February 17
City of Melbourne	February 24	City of Melbourne	February 24
City of Melbourne	March 3	City of Melbourne	March 3
City of Melbourne	March 10	City of Melbourne	March 10
City of Melbourne	March 17	City of Melbourne	March 17
City of Melbourne	March 24	City of Melbourne	March 24
City of Melbourne	March 31	City of Melbourne	March 31
City of Melbourne	April 7	City of Melbourne	April 7
City of Melbourne	April 14	City of Melbourne	April 14
City of Melbourne	April 21	City of Melbourne	April 21
City of Melbourne	April 28	City of Melbourne	April 28
City of Melbourne	May 5	City of Melbourne	May 5
City of Melbourne	May 12	City of Melbourne	May 12
City of Melbourne	May 19	City of Melbourne	May 19
City of Melbourne	May 26	City of Melbourne	May 26
City of Melbourne	June 2	City of Melbourne	June 2
City of Melbourne	June 9	City of Melbourne	June 9
City of Melbourne	June 16	City of Melbourne	June 16
City of Melbourne	June 23	City of Melbourne	June 23
City of Melbourne	June 30	City of Melbourne	June 30
City of Melbourne	July 7	City of Melbourne	July 7
City of Melbourne	July 14	City of Melbourne	July 14
City of Melbourne	July 21	City of Melbourne	July 21
City of Melbourne	July 28	City of Melbourne	July 28
City of Melbourne	August 4	City of Melbourne	August 4
City of Melbourne	August 11	City of Melbourne	August 11
City of Melbourne	August 18	City of Melbourne	August 18
City of Melbourne	August 25	City of Melbourne	August 25
City of Melbourne	September 1	City of Melbourne	September 1
City of Melbourne	September 8	City of Melbourne	September 8
City of Melbourne	September 15	City of Melbourne	September 15
City of Melbourne	September 22	City of Melbourne	September 22
City of Melbourne	September 29	City of Melbourne	September 29
City of Melbourne	October 6	City of Melbourne	October 6
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City of Melbourne	October 20	City of Melbourne	October 20
City of Melbourne	October 27	City of Melbourne	October 27
City of Melbourne	November 3	City of Melbourne	November 3
City of Melbourne	November 10	City of Melbourne	November 10
City of Melbourne	November 17	City of Melbourne	November 17
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Passengers leave San Francisco immediately on the arrival of the mails from London.

N. B.—The above named steamers have been chartered for seven months; and in case a new line is inaugurated, they may be superseded in August or September by new and superior boats.

In calculating the times when the steamers will be at San Francisco, an allowance of two days between this port and Sydney and of one day between this port and San Francisco, is made, the superior speed of the City of Melbourne, and "Melbourne."

## COMMERCIAL.

**MONDAY, MARCH 21, 1875.**

The American bark *Agate* arrived on the 20th, sixty days from New South, with coal, assigned to Messrs. C. Brewer & Co. Her cargo is being discharged onto the steamer *Ward*. The bark *James Allen* arrived on Monday from New South, with coal, and has anchored outside.

The *Forward* sailed for Oahu (about 140 tons) which went forward by the D. C. Murray, and has sailed to Oahu.

North German bark *Ward* leaving on Saturday last with a full cargo of sugar and other island produce for Bremen, followed on Monday by the D. C. Murray, with a similar cargo.

Barbours' 2 A. Falkenberg is on the berth loading for Portland.

Bark *Ke Nui* is fully discharged and will wait the arrival of the mail steamer, before making freight engagements.

Bark *Mattie Mackay* is due from Portland; the *Caro* from New South; and the schooner C. M. Ward from Guam.

Mr. Adams today a credit of \$1,000 from the Hawaiian Islands, just landed from the *Ward*, to which was sent the attention of the trade.

New Zealand bark *Ward*.

The following, from the *Auckland Herald*, will interest our readers and others:

The trade of the month has been active, and the depression which threatened a few weeks since seems to have entirely passed away. The weather has been favorable, and the export trade has been active, and the rapid growth of the out settlements is daily affording a wider field for city trade and disposal of imports.

Five has found little favor amongst exporters, owing to the unfavorable state of the home market, and very little of the line is now dressed. No attempt is being made to prepare it in a better state for the home and American markets; but it is only a matter of time, when this valuable fibre shall become a growing and a thriving industry with us. The proper machinery for its dressing has not been imported. Kani has been active, owing to enhanced rates offering for the American market. This week the *Edith* rose from the dock, valued at \$24,000.

From tables published in the *Colonial Gazette* we glean a few figures showing the produce of the import and export trade of the colony. By this we learn that the total imports for the past two years had been as follows:

Year.	Value.
1872	\$2,127,172
1873	2,414,987
1874	2,107,125

It will thus be seen that the import trade of 1874 over that of 1873 had increased by more than 25 per cent., an enormous increase in a population of only 300,000 inhabitants.

The exports from the colony for both the quarter and the year show a falling off, gold and wool being the principal items, but not at all on a par with the imports. In the December quarter of 1873 the exports were valued at \$214,747, while in the corresponding quarter of 1874 they only reached \$173,741. For the two years named the following figures show the value of the exports:

Year.	Value.
1872	\$3,619,271
1873	5,251,200
1874	5,251,200

From these figures it will be seen that the total trade of 1874 over that of 1873 amounted to the large sum of \$1,417,000, or 37.5 per cent., and the total quantity of gold exported from New Zealand to the United Kingdom had reached 7,399,373 oz. valued at \$2,414,987. Of this quantity Australia contributed 190,598 oz., valued at \$2,390,478. Last year the yield for the colony had been 6,000,000 oz. in 1873, to 7,399,373 oz. in 1874, the greatest difference being in Otago, where the falling off was more than 100,000.

## PORT OF HONOLULU.

**ARRIVED.**

Mar. 20—*John Little*, from Honolulu. Cargo: 770 lbs sugar, 50 lbs coffee, 100 lbs rice, 100 lbs flour, 100 lbs tea, 100 lbs oil, 100 lbs soap, 100 lbs candles, 100 lbs fruit, 100 lbs vegetables, 100 lbs meat, 100 lbs fish, 100 lbs poultry, 100 lbs game, 100 lbs fowl, 100 lbs eggs, 100 lbs butter, 100 lbs cheese, 100 lbs milk, 100 lbs cream, 100 lbs ice, 100 lbs coal, 100 lbs wood, 100 lbs lumber, 100 lbs iron, 100 lbs steel, 100 lbs tin, 100 lbs copper, 100 lbs brass, 100 lbs zinc, 100 lbs lead, 100 lbs silver, 100 lbs gold, 100 lbs platinum, 100 lbs diamonds, 100 lbs pearls, 100 lbs jewelry, 100 lbs watches, 100 lbs clocks, 100 lbs toys, 100 lbs books, 100 lbs papers, 100 lbs maps, 100 lbs globes, 100 lbs instruments, 100 lbs tools, 100 lbs hardware, 100 lbs furniture, 100 lbs carpets, 100 lbs drapery, 100 lbs clothing, 100 lbs shoes, 100 lbs hats, 100 lbs gloves, 100 lbs stockings, 100 lbs underwear, 100 lbs outerwear, 100 lbs accessories, 100 lbs miscellaneous.

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## NOTES OF THE WEEK.

The Punahoa express wagon supplies customers with excellent green corn. Orders filled, if left at Castle & Cooke's store.

A steamer named John Coary, belonging to the U. S. Ship Penacosta, sailed on Saturday, and was buried in the Nuanu Cemetery on Sunday last.

The April term of the Supreme Court will open on Monday next. In the absence of Justice Harris, the Court will be presided over by Justice Judd. A list of cases to come before the Court will be found elsewhere.

The inventory of the estate of the late Samuel Williston, of Easthampton, Mass., took place on Monday, and the residue that was to go to Amherst College after all the other bequests were paid, will amount to \$288,000.

By the *Alia*, we observe that Wm. T. Coleman, Esq., the well-known merchant of San Francisco, with his family, was booked for the *Magnum*. He intends going on in the same steamer to Sydney and thence to Europe and New York.

At the latest address, the schooners General Harney and Banner were lying out at San Francisco for other hunting. Both vessels will report here, en route to their cruising grounds, during the next ten days probably.

ACCIDENT.—Mr. T. K. Parks, while out gunning near Ewa last week, had his hand badly injured by the premature explosion of a cartridge. Dr. McGrew drove out and dressed the wound, and with care, the injured hand will probably be rendered serviceable again.

Among the passengers expected by the steamer from San Francisco is the Hon. H. A. P. Carter, Hawaiian Special Commissioner to Washington. There is, however, no certainty of his returning so soon, as the extra session of the Senate may be prolonged beyond expectation.

A method has been discovered for making more than the usual quantity of tea from any given quantity of the leaf, which will interest housekeepers. The secret consists in steaming the leaf before steeping. By this process fourteen pounds of a good quality may be brewed from one pound of tea.

STEAM ARRIVAL.—On Sunday there were brought into port 3,380 packages of sugar, the steamer having had 1971, the *Moi* 770, *Fairy Queen* 439, and the *Old Fellow* 889. The steamer's cargo was not the largest ever brought in. Some years ago when the *Brig Kamehameha IV.* was plying between this port and Hilo, she carried several cargoes of over 2000 packages each.

An advertisement is a quiet unobtrusive solicitor that never fails to make itself known. Curiosity often prompts one to read it, and after once being read it remains fixed in the mind though apparently forgotten. Do as you will, the remembrance comes to a person whether he desires it or not, and as soon as the article advertised is needed the seeker knows where to go.

NAVAL.—The *S. F. Alia* of March 5 says: "The United States steamer *Belknap* will shortly be down from Mare Island, and will go to northern ports. The steamer will also be down soon, and will proceed to Acapulco and Mexican ports. The *Portsmouth* was to leave Honolulu about February 20th for Manila; while the *Penacosta* will cruise around the Sandwich Islands, or wherever the Admiral pleases."

The mail steamer *Mikado* will be in on Saturday or Sunday next, and leave within twelve hours after arrival for San Francisco. On her last trip up from Sydney via Auckland, she came in early on Saturday morning, and ought to make as good time this trip.

The *Magnum* may be looked for on Tuesday or Wednesday of next week from San Francisco with the American and European mails, and San Francisco dates of about March 30th.

SCIENTIFIC.—George Wardwell, a man about forty-five years of age, and who had been employed for the past two years at Norton's Tannery, near Hilo, on East Maui, was recently found dead in his bed. On the day previous, doctor had seen under the influence of liquor, and it is thought that his death was directly or indirectly attributable to his use. It is said he has a daughter living in city or its vicinity.

POLITICAL.—The latest sensation in Baltimore has been the sudden increase of its population by the birth of a quartette sisters. The mother of this interesting progeny is Mrs. Hahn, an American woman, about 30 years of age and the wife of a cigar maker, whose pecuniary circumstances are hardly equal to the drain on his purse which this extraordinary event must necessitate. He is said to be quite an intelligent man, however, and anxious to do the best he can under the best of Providence. All the children are in sound health and quite as good-humored as could be expected.

DIDN'T WANT TO BE KIDNAPED.—The Boston *Transcript* relates this incident: "It was in Galveston. The little fellow had heard of Charlie Rose, and didn't mean to have any such fuss in his case. When a suspicious-looking man asked him to ride he accepted, but when he had gone as he thought far enough, he managed to drop his hat. Not wishing to leave so marked an object as the hat behind, the man alighted to pick it up, and then the little five-year-old strategist, grasped the reins, and took a bee line for home, where the horse and buggy still remain, waiting, as are also a couple of policemen, for the owner to call."

CHARLIE ROSE.—While the search for the missing boy continues, so much has been done as to lead already to a compilation of statistics thereabout. Mr. Christian K. Ross has recently made the statement that there has been already expended \$30,000. Commissioners have searched from ocean to ocean; 70,000 circulars have been issued; printing and photographing have cost \$8,000; a corps of clerks have been employed in the correspondence; 200 bands of pipes have been searched; 600 Charlie Roses have been reported, and fully five hundred persons have been engaged in the search. The inability to know his exact fate is certainly one of the most mysterious and harrowing of circumstances.

ALMOND TREES.—In our California exchanges, we observe that the cultivation of almonds is succeeding beyond expectation. A Santa Barbara paper says that a gentleman in that vicinity, has an orchard from which he has gathered over five tons of almonds of the soft shell or *Languedoc* variety. His trees commenced bearing when two years old, and are now but four years old. The third year the average yield to the tree was about five pounds. Two rows in the orchard, covering ground equivalent to two acres, that received great care in planting and special culture, produced 3000 pounds of dried almonds. This yield at the wholesale San Francisco market price for the soft shell almonds, will give about \$250 per acre, after paying all expense of the year's culture, gathering, packing and marketing. Through cultivation is required for the almond, and the trees should be at least twenty feet apart each way.

—Some years ago, several lots of almond seeds were imported here from California for planting. We would like to inquire whether any of our readers have succeeded in raising trees, or know of any growing? We see no good reason why they should not do as well here as in Lower California. The best varieties are the *Languedoc* and the *Princes Languedoc*, the latter being preferred as yielding a larger fruit and more prolific.

The foreign journeymen will not be required till Monday, April 12.

A bark arrived off the port last night, with pilot signal still not yet reported.

ICE.—Mr. Ryckoff's factory has the credit of being the first, after the temporary suspension of this luxury, to supply our citizens with ice, and now making its regular daily visits. The article produced is of excellent quality, and finds a ready demand.

SCIENCE.—Bob, a Hope Islander, who was imported as a laborer some ten years since, and was sentenced to imprisonment for stabbing another man, committed suicide at the prison on Friday of last week by hanging himself to the grating of his cell. He had long been thought to be partially insane.

LAND SALE.—An important marshall's sale of mortgaged property takes place on Saturday next. It comprises three valuable dwelling houses, one located on King and Queen streets, and over fifty acres located in Manoa Valley, at Waikiki, Moanalua, &c. This is a rare chance to secure real estate. See advertisement on editorial page.

KILLED BY LIGHTNING.—During the last thunder storm early in March, a native was riding along the public road on Kaula, when, completely frightened by the frequent flashes of lightning, he dismounted, tied his horse to a tree, and sought refuge in a cave. While there, he was struck by lightning, which instantly killed the animal. Such casualties are extremely rare in this group.

NAVAL RECEPTION.—Admiral Almy, Captain Gherardi and the Officers of the flagship *Penacosta*, held their reception on board on Thursday afternoon of last week. The arrangements for the occasion were very complete, but the attendance was quite limited, owing, perhaps, to its having been Passion week. The guests who had the honor of being present, enjoyed the entertainment very much, the roomy decks of this fine ship affording ample space for promenade and dancing.

THE HALF-YEARLY WATER RATES payable in advance from the 1st of January, 1875, in the case of the *Mikado*, are as follows: For the first half of the year, 1875, the rates are as follows: For the second half of the year, 1875, the rates are as follows: For the first half of the year, 1876, the rates are as follows: For the second half of the year, 1876, the rates are as follows: For the first half of the year, 1877, the rates are as follows: For the second half of the year, 1877, the rates are as follows: For the first half of the year, 1878, the rates are as follows: For the second half of the year, 1878, the rates are as follows: For the first half of the year, 1879, the rates are as follows: For the second half of the year, 1879, the rates are as follows: For the first half of the year, 1880, the rates are as follows: For the second half of the year, 1880, the rates are as follows: For the first half of the year, 1881, the rates are as follows: For the second half of the year, 1881, 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